

[CHAPTER 248]

AN ACT

To amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944 with reference to veterans' preference, and for other purposes.

May 3, 1946
[S. 1757]

[Public Law 375]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 16 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is amended to read as follows:

58 Stat. 773.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
V, app. § 1625.

“DISPOSITIONS TO VETERANS

Priority.

“SEC. 16. (a) The Administrator shall prescribe regulations to effectuate the objectives of this Act to aid veterans in the acquisition of surplus property, in appropriate quantities and types, to enable them to establish and maintain their own small business, professional, or agricultural enterprises. Disposals of surplus property (except real property) to veterans under this subsection shall be given priority over all other disposals of property provided for in this Act except transfers to Government agencies under section 12.

Infra; post, p. 169.

Availability of quantities and types.

“(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12 of this Act, the Administrator may cause to be set aside or otherwise to be made available quantities and types of any surplus property, except real property, which he determines to be appropriate for exclusive disposal to veterans for their own personal use, and to enable them to establish and maintain their own small business, professional, or agricultural enterprises. The Administrator shall prescribe regulations designed to achieve the equitable distribution of such surplus property among veterans. In selecting any types or quantities of surplus property for disposal in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, the Administrator shall give due consideration to the availability of adequate facilities for and the costs of the distribution of such property. The Administrator shall from time to time cause to be compiled and widely publicized information as to the types and quantities of such surplus property which has or will become available within a given period of time for exclusive disposal to veterans in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

Selection.

Information.

Time for disposal.

“(c) The Administrator shall prescribe a reasonable time of not less than 15 days after public notice during which property offered to veterans under this section shall be held for disposal to them.”

58 Stat. 770.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
V, app. § 1621 (a).

Interagency transfers.

SEC. 2. Section 12 (a) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is amended to read as follows:

Priority of disposals.

“(a) It shall be the duty of the Administrator to facilitate the transfer of surplus property from one Government agency to other Government agencies for their own use and not for transfer or disposition; and the transfer of surplus property under this section shall be given priority over all other disposals provided for in this Act, except disposals to veterans of property reserved exclusively for veterans under subsection (b) of section 16 of this Act. The Administrator shall prescribe a reasonable time within which Government agencies shall exercise the priority provided by this subsection, but the time so fixed shall not exceed twenty days from the time public notice is given of the availability of the surplus property for disposal to Government agencies.”

Supra.

58 Stat. 770.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
V, app. § 1621 (c).

Transfers at fair value.

SEC. 3. Section 12 (c) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is amended to read as follows:

“(c) The disposal agency responsible for any such property shall transfer it to the Government agency acquiring it at the fair value

of the property as fixed by the disposal agency, under regulations prescribed by the Administrator, unless transfer without reimbursement or transfer of funds is authorized under subsection (d) of this section.”

SEC. 4. Section 12 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is amended by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 34 (a) of this Act, no Government agency may transfer any property to any other Government agency without reimbursement or transfer of funds under authority of any law approved prior to June 22, 1944. Any disposal agency may transfer surplus property to a Government agency without reimbursement or transfer of funds whenever a transfer on such terms by the owning agency (by which such property was declared surplus) would be authorized by any law approved subsequent to June 21, 1944, to be made to the Government agency desiring such property.”

SEC. 5. Section 13 (f) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is amended to read as follows:

“(f) The disposal of surplus property under this section to States and political subdivisions and instrumentalities thereof shall be given priority over all other disposals of property provided for in this Act, except transfers to Government agencies under section 12 and disposals to veterans under section 16 and purchases made under subsection (e) of section 18: *Provided*, That the Administrator may prescribe a reasonable time during which such priority shall be exercised.”

SEC. 6. The last sentence of subsection (e) of section 18 thereof is hereby amended to read as follows: “The disposal of surplus property under this subsection shall be given priority immediately following transfers to other Government agencies under section 12 and disposals to veterans under section 16. The provisions of subsection (c) of section 12 shall be applicable to purchases made under this subsection.”

Approved May 3, 1946.

[CHAPTER 249]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled “An Act to authorize black-outs in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes”, approved December 26, 1941, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled “An Act to authorize black-outs in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes”, approved December 26, 1941, as amended, be further amended by adding thereto the following new section:

“SEC. 15. Up to and including December 31, 1947, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to provide services to veterans and war workers and to expend any moneys otherwise available for expenditure under this Act for all necessary expenses, including personal services without regard to civil service or classification laws.”

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia not otherwise appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this amendment.

Approved May 9, 1946.

Infra.

Ante, p. 168.

Reimbursement for property transferred.
58 Stat. 783.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1643 (a).

58 Stat. 772.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1622 (f).
Disposals to States, etc.

Supra; *ante*, p. 168.

58 Stat. 774.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1627 (e).
Infra.

Smaller War Plants Corporation.

Supra; *ante*, p. 168.

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Black-outs, D. C.
55 Stat. 858.
D. C. Code, Supp. V, §§ 6-1001 to 6-1014.

Services to veterans and war workers.

Appropriation authorized.